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MARTIAL ROLE IN GALVESTON; FOURTEEN DEAD

Mayor Reports Outside Aid Not Needed. Five Hundred Houses Demolished By Storm.

SCORES PERISH ALONG COAST
Two Dead and Property Damage Estimated at Two Million Dollars.

500 BODIES WASHED ASHORE

BULLETIN.
DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 18.—A special to the Dallas Times-Herald from Houston says twenty-five to thirty lives have been lost at Virginia Point, eighteen at Texas City, including twelve United States soldiers; seven at La Porte, three at Lynchburg and three at Houston. There is no communication with Galveston.

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 18.—(By courier to Bremond, Tex.)—Two persons dead and property damage estimated at \$2,000,000 was the toll of the terrific hurricane which swept this city early Tuesday morning and which cut off all wire communication with the outside world.

The dead are E. W. Hans, a carpenter, killed by a falling barn, and an unidentified negro electrocuted by a falling electric wire. The storm had abated at 10 o'clock this morning.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 18.—That 500 bodies from Galveston had been washed ashore on high points near Houston was the unconfirmed rumor carried over the first wires into San Antonio Wednesday afternoon. The report was made to the wire chief at Houston by a line-man.

Houston is about twenty miles from the coast of Galveston bay, and it is probable that the bodies were found near La Porte, at the mouth of the Houston ship channel.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 18.—(By courier to Houston.)—Martial law has been declared. The mayor today issued a statement that outside aid will not be needed.

Only fourteen people lost their lives in Galveston as a result of the flood according to latest estimates. About 500 houses were demolished and the island is covered with debris. Four of the dead are United States soldiers. The remainder are civilians.

The fourteen lost their lives in an attempt to reach the Tremont hotel during the height of the storm. Several thousand persons were quartered in that hotel. One thousand feet of the sea wall has been washed out, one breach of 25 feet being directly in front of the Galvez hotel.

It was through this break that most of the residents of the city were flooded. Three fires raged Monday night and the fire loss has been great. Three bath houses and 400 residences on the bay front were crushed and the wreckage is floating in the bay.

The storm reached its height at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning when its velocity was ninety-two miles an hour.

The greatest need here today is fresh water.

Wireless reports from the transport Buford concerning conditions in Galveston follow:

There is considerable suffering in the city. The water system, lighting system, gas and street car systems are out of commission. There is no drinking water in the city. Three hundred feet of the causeway has been destroyed.

The camp at Fort Crockett has been completely wiped out, but no loss of life there is reported. All animals belonging to the army were drowned. The transport McClellan is aground on Pelican Island. The Poe is damaged, but the Kilpatrick and Cushing are safe.

The city is under martial law. Troops from Fort Crockett are quartered at the city.

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The Weather

Hours	Temp.	Wind	Clouds
5 a. m.	60	W 10	bc
6 a. m.	60	W 10	bc
7 a. m.	60	W 10	bc
8 a. m.	60	W 10	bc
9 a. m.	60	W 10	bc
10 a. m.	60	W 10	bc
11 a. m.	60	W 10	bc
12 m.	60	W 10	bc
1 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
2 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
3 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
4 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
5 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
6 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
7 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
8 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
9 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
10 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
11 p. m.	60	W 10	bc
12 m.	60	W 10	bc

Comparative Local Record.
1915. 1914. 1913. 1912.
Highest yesterday..... 60 57 57 54
Lowest yesterday..... 48 47 47 45
Mean temperature..... 56 57 57 55
Precipitation..... .51 .00 .00 .00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.
Normal temperature..... 74
Deficiency for the day..... 14
Total deficiency since March 1..... 107
Normal precipitation..... .175
Excess for the day..... .33 inch
Total rainfall since March 1..... 23.35 inches
Excess since March 1..... 22.65 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914..... 4.52 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913..... 4.75 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1912..... 1.25 inches

Station and State Temp. High. Rain. of Weather. T. p. m. est. fall.
Cheyenne, partly cloudy..... 70 70 70
Denver, clear..... 72 72 72
Denver, cloudy..... 72 72 72
Des Moines, clear..... 72 72 72
North Platte, clear..... 74 74 74
Omaha, cloudy..... 68 68 68
Rapid City, rain..... 50 50 50
Sioux Falls, clear..... 68 68 68
Sioux City, cloudy..... 68 68 68
Valentine, partly cloudy..... 70 70 70
L. A. WILSON, Local Forecaster.

MISSOURI RIVER MORE CIVILIZED

Kansas City Forecaster Says Stream Has Made Few Changes of Channel in Recent Years.

HOPES GOOD STREAK WILL LAST

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 18.—"The Missouri river probably will never become entirely civilized and law-abiding, but lately, despite the almost unprecedented floods, it has been doing less land-swapping and title-making," P. Connor, local gov-



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ernment weather observer, said here today. "I see hopes for a continued reformation of the big bad man of the valley." Just how long this "good" streak will last I would not dare say, but it looks encouraging at present.

In the last twenty-seven years there has been comparatively little change in the channel around Kansas City, although the stream has been put to a severe test by floods during the last twelve years that have not been equaled since 1844. It is reasonable to believe that these flood conditions will not continue, so unless people attempt to mud forced land reclamation, which has a tendency to change a river's course, the Missouri ought to treat land owners with more consideration in the future.

River is getting fonder. This should be encouraging news to farmers along the river bank who have been living in constant dread of expectation inspired by stories and records of the Missouri's queer tricks. The Missouri river is almost unlimited in power, without conscience and a grim joker into the bargain. At the time one man is cursing the stream for his poverty another may be blessing it for his riches, having acquired a farm of 500 or 600 acres, absolutely free of charge, where he originally had one acre.

For instance, to view the discouraging side of it, first James Love in 1858 refused \$50,000 for his farm of 200 acres on the river bank near Randolph, Mo. Since then the river has washed it all away. Town is Washed Away. But the river's appetite is not alone for farms. In the early days Barney, Neb., was a prosperous town, with a railroad station and a bank and many comfortable residences. Thirty years ago Barney was a rival of Nebraska City, with the chances favoring Barney. Then the Missouri river swept in. The railroad was forced to move its tracks to higher grounds. The people built a dam and ripped the banks, cut off an island, a woman owned about 500 acres. The river began to build out in the stream until it formed 1,800 acres, separated from her land only by a narrow slough. The intervening water, however, prevented her from claiming it as an accretion, and it was surveyed by the Lafayette county court and sold to the woman for \$125 an acre. The river's prank left the land miles away from the channel and Ray county people say her farm is worth \$100,000.

Several years ago, J. D. Showalter, an independence, Mo., attorney, owned a farm in the same vicinity. The river ate it away until only a quarter of an acre remained, but Mr. Showalter held on. At last the river began to return his land and the quarter of an acre grew slowly until now it is 100 acres larger than the original farm.

Venezelos Agrees to Form Ministry

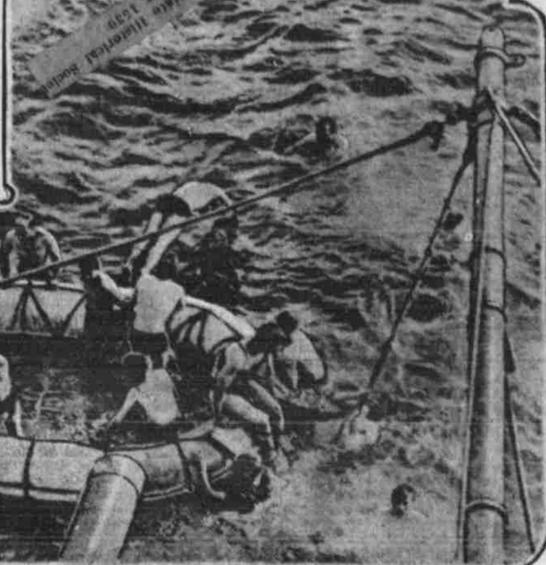
LONDON, Aug. 18.—Ex-Premier Eleutherios Venezelos today notified King Constantine of his readiness to form a new Greek cabinet in succession to the Gounaris ministry, which resigned at the opening of the Greek Parliament yesterday, according to a dispatch to the Central News agency from Athens.

JAMES J. HILL GREATEST LIVING MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 18.—James J. Hill of St. Paul, capitalist and railroad builder, was notified today of his selection by Governor Hammond's special commission as "Minnesota's greatest living citizen," to represent this state in the Panama-Pacific exposition hall of fame.

NEW LIFE SAVING RAFT ADOPTED BY THE BRITISH NAVY

Photo shows sailors from one of the English battleships at the Dardanelles testing the raft now being supplied to all ships in the service.



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UNIVERSITY CLUB READY FOR START

New Quarters at Twentieth and Harney Completed for Opening Reception Thursday.

DECORATIONS ARE IN ENGLISH

Remodeling and decoration in the new University club quarters at Twentieth and Harney are all complete and the big opening reception and dance is to be given Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

A decorator from the firm of Orchard-Wilhelm has had charge of the decorating, and the club now has quarters of which its members are very proud. The general architectural scheme throughout follows the modern English. The lobby, the ladies' reception room, the men's lounge, the billiard room, the writing room and library are on the first floor.

The lobby walls are of English Caen stone and the woodwork throughout the building is of black walnut. The writing room is furnished with specially designed tables and Windsor chairs of walnut. The lounge room is spacious, with ceiling patterned after the English Renaissance, and walls of walnut with the English paneling. The billiard room is furnished with six tables.

Big Ball Room

The main dining room on the second floor, which is also to be used as a ballroom, will have a seating capacity of 350. Antique fabric is used on the upper half of the walls, while a walnut wainscoting forms the lower half of the wall. Regular luncheons are to be served from 12 to 2 each day and an a la carte service from then until 8 in the evening.

The ladies' reception room and dining room is worked out in Japanese design. Practically all of the old employees of the club are again to be employed in the new quarters. Al Wilson, who has been the chef ever since the club was organized five years ago, has been kept on the payroll since the fire in the old quarters, and will again take charge of the kitchen.

Railroads Ask High Rates for Moving the Liberty Bell

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18.—Declaring that railroads in the southwestern states are demanding excessive rates for the transportation of the Liberty bell for part of its homeward journey, members of the committee of councils having the trip in charge will meet Monday prepared to revise the itinerary, which had been tentatively agreed upon.

MRS. LYDIA WARD FORMER OMAHA WOMAN IS DEAD

Word has been received here announcing the death of Mrs. Lydia Ward, aged about forty years, at her home in Lincoln, Tuesday morning. Her body has been taken to New York for burial. She had been in poor health for several months.

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HITCHCOCK MIXED IN GERMAN MOVES BY WORLD EXPOSE

Kaiser's Paid Agents Confer with the Nebraska Senator and He Promises to Give Them His Help.

IT'S IN THE TELL-TALE LETTERS

Some of the Correspondence Mentioning Senator is of Recent Date.

WOULD SWEEP THE COUNTRY

One of Nebraska's United States senators figures in several places in the exposure which the New York World is making of the activities of paid agents of the German government in manufacturing public sentiment, shaping news, bringing pressure on President Wilson, fomenting strikes in American factories and otherwise promoting the interests of Germany in this country.

In one place the World's story tells how George Sylvester Viereck, whose weekly paper, "Fatherland," has been subsidized for the German propaganda, made several trips to Washington last October to supply ammunition to Senator Hitchcock, who was fathering a bill to prohibit exports of war materials to the belligerents.

ZEPPELINS DROP BOMBS ON LONDON

Ten Persons Are Killed and Thirty-Six Injured During Raid of Tuesday Night.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The outskirts of London were raided last night by Zeppelins. Ten persons were killed and thirty-six injured. One Zeppelin is believed to have been hit. The property damage was small.

ONE AIRCRAFT IS DAMAGED

The air raid was over the eastern counties of England. The statement given out by the official press bureau said: "Zeppelins visited the eastern counties last night and dropped bombs. Anti-aircraft guns were in action and it is believed that one Zeppelin was hit. "Air patrols were active, but owing to the difficult atmospheric conditions the Zeppelins were able to escape. "Some houses and other buildings, including a church, were damaged. "The following casualties have been recorded: Killed—Seven men, two women and one child. Injured—Fifteen men, eighteen women and three children. "All the above were civilians. "A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says four Zeppelins were sighted passing over the islands of Vlieland and Wieringer, off the Netherlands coast. The hour of their appearance is not stated.

London has been visited previously by German dirigibles during the war. On the night of May 31, Zeppelins made an attack on a district described in the official communication merely as "in the metropolitan area." On that occasion about ninety bombs were dropped. Four persons were killed and a few injured.

The latest raid is the third of a new series of aerial attacks, which, after a lapse of several weeks, began on Monday last week. On the two previous occasions twenty persons were killed and thirty-seven injured.

Four Persons Killed at Port Arthur, Tex.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Aug. 18.—Three men and one woman killed, almost the entire population of Port Arthur made homeless and property damage estimated at more than \$200,000 constitute the toll of the tropical storm Monday night.

The Day's War News

KOVNO, THE STRONG Russian fortress on the Niemen, at which the armies of Field Marshal von Hindenburg have been pounding heavily since the fall of Warsaw, has been captured by the Germans. Military observers are questioning whether the Russians, with Kovno in German hands, will be able to hold the Brest-Litovsk line of defense in the general direction of which Grand Duke Nicholas' armies have been falling back since Warsaw was taken. A tentative advance on Petrograd also is being discussed in Russia and England as a possibility.

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MAYOR OF ATLANTA DEFENDS LYNCHING

He Says People Took Law Into Own Hands Because Judgment of Court Was Frustrated.

ADVISES SLATON TO STAY AWAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 18.—J. G. Woodward, mayor of Atlanta, Ga., who is visiting this city, is on record today as declaring that Leo M. Frank, who was lynched Monday night, suffered the just penalty for an unspeakable crime. The Atlanta mayor at the same time warns former Governor John M. Slaton not to return to Georgia.

Truth Not All Told

"Common decency prevents me from telling you the revolting truths of the murder of Mary Phagan. I wish you all knew the truth as I know them. I know them, for I have been with this case ever since it started, and I have read every line of evidence that was introduced; everything that has transpired I know, and I know that there is not a member of the jury that tried Leo Frank, who from the time it rendered the verdict to this day, has any idea that he would change his decision if put to the test again. "Georgia is the leading state of the south. Its people cannot be classed with tramps, hoodlums, bandits and lawbreakers, but things had come to a point where every avenue of the law had been exhausted and the judgments of the courts set aside by one man, and the people felt that it was up to them to take the law into their own hands. "We have learned a bitter lesson through the vicious practices of the negro of the south, and when the occasion arises in which a woman has been harmed our citizens ignore the law and mete out swift punishment. "While we people of Georgia deplore this deed of Monday night, we know what is behind the feeling that prompted it, and I want it understood that it is simply emphasizing the fact that when it comes to a woman's honor, there is no limit we will not go to avenge and to protect. "Only Two People Implicated. "There were only two people implicated in the death of Mary Phagan. I know the negro did not commit the deed and an positive that 75 per cent of the people of Georgia are convinced that the man lynched committed the deed, and they are on the ground and ought to know. "As mayor of Atlanta I have received tons of letters and telegrams containing requests that I do something for Frank, and they have all gone into the waste basket. Like all Georgia people who are in a position to get at the truth, I know the facts. "I know Jack Slaton, have known him for thirty years, ever since he was a young man. I have been friends with him, and while I hate to say it, I would not advise him to return to Georgia for a year—if ever."

Slaton Condemns Atlanta Mayor for Defense of Lynching

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Former Governor John M. Slaton of Georgia, who commuted the death sentence of Leo M. Frank to one of life imprisonment, issued today a statement condemning an address delivered last night by Mayor J. G. Woodward of Atlanta, Ga., and terming the mayor "old and garrulous." He called the Frank case a "foot ball of politics."

Italians Take Strong Line of Austrian Trenches

ROME, Aug. 17.—(Via Paris, Aug. 18.)—Further Italian advances through the passes of the Alps and a brilliant bayonet charge, which captured a strong line of Austrian entrenchments in the Tolmino region, are described in the official report issued tonight at army headquarters. The statement says: "In the rugged Orlier range between the upper valleys of the Adige and the Adige one of our detachments set out during the night of August 16 from Capana, Milano, and, divided into squads, joined by ropes, crossed the Camosci pass (9,800 feet high), and the Vedrette di Dampio, climbed the snow-capped summit of Turokett Spitz (10,000 feet) and surprised groups of the enemy. It then proceeded to Hinter Madatsch Spitz (9,000 feet), occupied by a detachment of the enemy, while it attacked and dispersed and solidly occupied the summit. "In the Montenegro section we captured several of the enemy's trenches in the neighborhood of the Vialto peak. "In the Tolmino zone our brilliant offensive developed against the hills of Santa Maria and Santa Lucia, commanding positions situated to the right of Leonzo. The enemy suffered very heavy losses. We captured seven officers and 57 men, four machine guns and a great quantity of ammunition."

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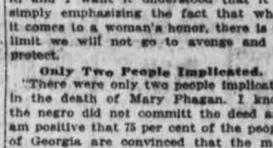
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